

MINUTES
Town of North
March 12, 2007
North Town Hall

Mayor Jeffcoat called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m. and declared a quorum. Present were Council members Drew, Binyard, Lane, and Gleaton. Also in attendance were Mark Fallaw, Chief of Police, and Carrie Windham, Town Clerk.

Mayor Jeffcoat welcomed visitors.

Councilwoman Lane made a motion to approve the Minutes from the February 12, 2007 meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Binyard, and upon vote Minutes were approved.

Highway 321 Report:

Mr. Jeffcoat gave the report that the engineers are trying to get the project wrapped up. They are looking for someone to do some concrete repairs. Also, the highway lines are still temporary.

Water/Sewer Report:

Mr. Jeffcoat presented the water sewer report for February 2007, (copy attached). It was noted that our system received a "Satisfactory" rating for the first time in many years, and that our water/wastewater operators are doing a good job.

Councilwoman Lane made discussion on meters that are not functioning and those customers are getting charged a minimum bill each month. She made a motion to purchase 30 meters from Pipeline (they are purchased in lots of 6), and have our water operators install the meters in a manner that will not interfere with their daily responsibilities. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Binyard and up on vote carried.

Police Report:

Chief Fallaw reviewed the North Police report (copy attached). Chief made discussion on Mutual Aid Agreements that have been signed between the Town of North Police Department and various other Law Enforcement Agencies. These agreements are a collaborative way of working with each other. Specifically, when a check point is held in our town limits, 18-20 officers from around the area will come into the Town of North and assist our agency in executing a professional, effective checkpoint. Chief Fallaw went on to note that we cannot ask other agencies to assist us if we are not willing to assist other agencies as well. Council expressed concern to Chief Fallaw that there have been complaints of citizens that no police are ever seen. Chief asked council for specificity on that. Chief stated that he schedules officers based on percentage of crime rates during specific times, and that he is glad to change the schedule if so requested by Council, with the understanding that to physically see an officer during one time period may not be as effective as having more officers scheduled during peak crime periods. Mayor Jeffcoat will call a special meeting to specifically discuss the schedule of the three full time officers, and look at scheduling options.

Chief Fallaw made mention of a newspaper article highlighting our new Shooting Range, and a note of appreciation from Mrs. Zilla Hinton and Mrs. Eloise Hall.

Old Business:

- o Mayor Jeffcoat reviewed the financial statement (copy attached)

New Business:

Jeffcoat reported the Community of Character Trait for March is Cooperation.

Mayor's Report:

- o Mayor Jeffcoat updated Council on the StreetScape project. Request for Qualifications has been published with a deadline of April 4th. We will then choose an agency to lead this project.
- o Jeffcoat noted that the landscaping around Town Hall has been updated and cleaned up. We are looking for input on options of flowers and mulch for the front flower beds. Also, the wire powering the lights on the palm trees has been run underground.

- Jeffcoat reminded Council and the public that we are welcoming suggestions for the location of the Town Clock. A suggestion sheet is located inside Town Hall for all to submit their suggestion.
- Mayor Jeffcoat announced his invitation by the Governor to a seminar in Charleston which will be at no cost to the Town. Council supported Jeffcoat's attendance at this seminar.
- Jeffcoat then called on Councilwoman Lane to discuss the March 22nd meeting presented by DHEC. Lane invited the public to attend this 7:00 pm meeting at Woodford Community Center regarding a potential Pandemic Flu outbreak and what we can do as a community to deal with it. Jeffcoat announced that on the same night, he and our Town Clerk will be attending a budgeting seminar for Municipal Elected Officials.
- Jeffcoat advised Council that the Town Clerk implemented our participation in a fleet fuel card service wherein we purchase gas at the same rate as the State. This program saved us approximately \$200 the first month.
- Jeffcoat noted that one of our pump houses is in need of a new roof. We will be investigating that further.
- Mayor Jeffcoat stated that DOT agreed to donate \$35,000 towards the construction of a gazebo within the Town after completion of the road construction project. DOT has now changed their offer to include construction of any type of building. Jeffcoat suggested that this may be used for a picnic table shelter once we get a playground.

Executive Session did not meet.

Public Comments:

Several citizens commented on their support of the Police and Police Department. A citizen inquired as to an update on the Community School project. Mayor Jeffcoat did refer that question back to the Community School. Also, gratitude was offered to the North Police Department for their efforts in coordinating the 321 Corridor Meeting, and invitation to the public to attend Tuesday Night at 6:30 at Russell's in Blackville.

There being no further business, Councilman Drew made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Gleaton. Mayor Jeffcoat adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Carrie Windham

APPROVED: MARCH 12, 2007 MINUTES

Mayor Earl Jeffocat: _____

Council Members:

Paul Drew: _____

Rose Binyard: _____

Harriett Lane: _____

Aubrey Gleaton: _____